

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. ~~A controllable power supply comprising:~~  
a housing having at least two distinguishable surfaces;  
a first control signal socket located on a first of said distinguishable surfaces;  
a power supply socket located on a second of said distinguishable surfaces;  
control circuitry within said housing operatively connected with said control signal socket, and said power supply socket wherein power to said power supply socket may be turned on or off in response to a signal received at said control signal socket.

2. The device according to claim 1, further comprising:  
a power line for connecting to an external power source.

3. ~~The device according to claim 1, further comprising:~~  
~~a second control signal socket for passing through signals received on said first control signal socket.~~

4. The device according to claim 1, further comprising:  
an indicator light operatively connected to said control circuitry for indicating whether power to said power supply socket is turned on or off.

5. The device according to claim 1, wherein said control circuitry comprises a control relay.

6. The device according to claim 1 wherein said first and second distinguishable surfaces are parallel to each other.

7. The device according to claim 1 wherein said housing constitutes a box comprising six surfaces.

8. The device according to claim 7 wherein said housing comprises a top surface, a bottom surface, a front surface, a rear surface, a left surface, and a right surface.

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9. The device according to claim 8, wherein said control socket is located on said front surface and said power supply socket is located on said rear surface.

10. The device according to claim 8, further comprising:  
a plurality of paired control sockets located on said front surface and each associated with one or more power supply sockets located on said rear surface.

11. The device according to claim 9, wherein said top surface and said bottom surface are parallel planes between 1.5 and 2.0 inches apart.

12. The device according to claim 9, wherein housing is mountable in a computer device rack and occupies only one rack unit.

13. A method for a controllable power supply wherein sockets and control circuitry may be contained within a housing having a constrained height comprising:

placing a control signal socket on one surface of said housing;  
placing a power supply outlet on an opposite surface of said housing; and  
placing control circuitry within said housing, said control circuitry operatively connected with said control signal socket and said power supply socket wherein power to said power supply socket may be turned on or off in response to a signal received at said control signal socket.

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